

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING and JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Walter McNutt, on February 7, 2011 at 9:06 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Walter McNutt, Chair (R)
Sen. Taylor Brown, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Ron Ehli (R)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Sen. Jon Sonju (R)

All members of Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Education were in attendance, with the exception of Sen. Llew Jones and Rep. Ryan Osmundson, who were excused.

Members Excused: Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Staff Present: Catherine Duncan, Legislative Branch
Mary Ann Mackay, Committee Secretary
Marissa Stockton, Committee Secretary
Barbara Smith, Legislative Branch
Pam Joehler, Legislative Branch
Roger Lloyd, Legislative Branch
Jim Standaert, Legislative Branch
Pat Gervais, Legislative Branch
Ryan Evans, OBPP
Nancy Hall, OBPP
Nate Thomas, OBPP

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 316, 2/4/2011; HB 375, 2/4/2011

HEARING ON H B 316

00:01:29 Chairman McNutt

H B 316, Impacts on Education

00:01:27 Chairman McNutt

Higher Education Impact

00:01:55 Chairman McNutt

Commissioner of Higher Education Impacts

00:02:10 Pam Joehler, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh30a01\)](#)

Montana University System (MUS), Bureau of Mines

00:03:01 Ms. Joehler

00:03:07 Rep. Osmundson arrived.

MUS, Ground Water Impacts

00:03:13 Ms. Joehler

MUS, Natural Resources Operations Account

00:03:56 Ms. Joehler

MUS, University of Montana, Missoula, Accommodation Tax Account

00:06:04 Ms. Joehler

MUS, University Millage , Six Mill Levy Account

00:08:01 Ms. Joehler

MUS, Montana State University, Northern, Motorcycle Endorsement Fee

00:08:34 Ms. Joehler

Informational Witnesses:

00:08:54 Thomas Patton, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology, Montana Ground Water Assessment Program (GWAP)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh30a02\)](#)

00:10:26 Rep. Sesso arrived.

00:11:02 Rep. Mehlhoff left.

00:13:17 Rep. Mehlhoff returned.

00:15:14 Chairman McNutt

00:15:23 Norma Nickerson, Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research (ITRR)
University of Montana

00:19:00 Chairman McNutt, designated Ms. Nickerson as an Opponent.

00:19:09 Mick Robinson, Montana University System (MUS)

00:22:09 Chairman McNutt

Opponents:

00:22:32 Bill McGladdery, Director, Hotel Operations, Town Pump

00:27:07 Chairman McNutt

00:27:21 Maureen Connor, Granite County Board of Commissioners
 00:28:42 Chairman McNutt
 00:28:48 Rob Davis, Statewide Montana Motorcycle Riders Safety
 00:33:24 Chairman McNutt
 00:33:37 Kent Conrad, Helena, Motorcycle Rider Safety Coach/Instructor

EXHIBIT(jlh30a03)

00:36:58 Chairman McNutt
 00:37:12 Travis Hoffman, Montana Independent Living Center
 00:37:46 Bob Walker, Last Chance Riders Motorcycle Club and American Motorcycle Association
 00:40:16 Sen. Sonju left.
 00:42:13 Chairman McNutt
 00:42:28 Udell Sharp, Motorcycle Rider Coach
 00:43:36 Chairman McNutt

Cultural Education Agencies (Montana Historical Society, Montana State Library, Montana Arts Council) Impact

00:43:44 Ms. Joehler
 00:49:03 Chairman McNutt

Questions from Committee:

00:49:30 Rep. Sesso
 00:50:24 Ms. Joehler
 00:51:46 Rep. Sesso
 00:51:57 Ms. Joehler
 00:52:10 Chairman McNutt

Opponents:

00:52:40 Darlene Staffoldt, State Librarian
 00:53:15 Rep. Osmondson left.
 00:56:36 Chairman McNutt
 00:56:46 Judy Hart, Librarian/Director, Lewis and Clark County, on behalf of Montana Library Federation
 01:01:52 Chairman McNutt
 01:02:00 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana Library Association
 01:02:48 Chairman McNutt
 01:02:53 Jane Hamman, private citizen, Jefferson County Library Board, Clancy
 01:03:57 Chairman McNutt
 01:04:08 Denise King, Administrator, Centralized Services Division, Montana Historical Society
 01:07:21 Chairman McNutt
 01:07:24 Ms. King
 01:12:56 Chairman McNutt

Questions from Committee:

01:13:09 Sen. Barrett
 01:13:31 Ms. Staffoldt
 01:14:19 Chairman McNutt

Office of Public Instruction (OPI) Impact

01:14:29 Barbara Smith, LFD

01:15:08 Chairman McNutt

Informational Witnesses:

01:15:41 Steve York, Assistant Superintendent, OPI

[EXHIBIT\(jlh30a04\)](#)

01:23:22 Chairman McNutt

Opponents:

01:23:36 Alan Sipes, Superintendent of Schools, Columbus

01:25:39 Chairman McNutt

01:25:46 Mr. Sipes

01:26:04 Chairman McNutt

01:26:10 Jane Hamman, Montana Traffic Education Association (MTEA)

01:28:20 Rep. Osmundson returned.

01:28:32 Chairman McNutt

Questions from Committee:

01:28:44 Sen. Barrett

01:28:55 Mr. York

01:29:23 Sen. Barrett

01:29:30 Mr. York

01:29:54 Chairman McNutt

HB 375 Impacts

Commissioner of Higher Education Impacts

01:30:11 Ms. Joehler

01:32:58 Chairman McNutt

Informational Witnesses:

01:33:11 Mr. Robinson, MUS

01:35:41 Chairman McNutt

Opponents:

01:36:01 John Flink, Montana Hospital Association

01:37:23 Chairman McNutt

01:37:25 Rep. Mehlhoff left.

01:37:31 Sen. Sonju returned.

Questions from Committee:

01:37:35 Sen. Hawks

01:38:05 Ms. Joehler

01:38:22 Chairman McNutt

Discussion from Committee:

01:39:07 Rep. Hollandsworth

01:40:03 Chairman McNutt

01:40:32 break
01:54:08 resume

01:54:10 Chairman McNutt
01:54:38 Chairman McNutt

[EXHIBIT\(jlh30a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh30a06\)](#)

Local Government Impacts, H B 316

01:55:20 Chairman McNutt

Oil and Gas Tax to Schools

01:55:40 Chairman McNutt

Gambling Fees

01:55:44 Chairman McNutt

Metal Mines Tax, Mineral Royalties and Drivers' License Fees

01:55:47 Chairman McNutt

Oil and Gas Tax (Schools)

01:56:05 Jim Standaert, LFD

[EXHIBIT\(jlh30a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh30a08\)](#)

01:59:59 Chairman McNutt

Opponents, Oil, Gas and Metal Mines Tax:

02:00:53 Willie Duffield, Montana Association of Oil, Gas Producing Counties

02:02:43 Sen. Williams arrived.

02:04:07 Chairman McNutt

02:04:11 Allen Underdal, Commissioner, Toole County

02:05:03 Rep. Sesso left.

02:06:43 Chairman McNutt

02:06:52 Don McDowell, Powder River County Commissioner

02:07:38 Chad Fenner, Big Horn County Commissioner

02:09:13 Chairman McNutt

02:09:19 Loren Young, Richland County Commissioner

[EXHIBIT\(jlh30a09\)](#)

02:14:51 Chairman McNutt

02:15:02 Gary Macdonald, Roosevelt County Commissioner

[EXHIBIT\(jlh30a10\)](#)

02:17:50 Chairman McNutt

02:17:58 Maureen Davey, Commissioner, Stillwater County

02:19:51 Chairman McNutt

02:19:55 John Pretty On Top, Big Horn County Commissioner

02:22:45 Chairman McNutt

02:22:53 Donald Reiger, Commissioner, Fallon County

[EXHIBIT\(jlh30a11\)](#)

02:26:32 Chairman McNutt

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02:26:39 Tony Berget, Commissioner, Lincoln County
02:27:07 Chairman McNutt
02:27:10 Tom Lythgoe, Jefferson County Commissioner
02:27:42 Sen. Sonju left.
02:27:46 Rep. McChesney left.
02:27:55 Chairman McNutt
02:27:58 Mr. Lythgoe
02:30:05 Chairman McNutt
02:30:10 Marianne B. Roose, Chairman, Lincoln County Commissioners
02:30:44 Chairman McNutt
02:30:47 Bill Nyby, County Commissioner, Sheridan County
02:31:26 Rep. McChesney returned.

EXHIBIT(jlh30a12)

02:33:42 Chairman McNutt
02:33:55 Melissa Kramer, Economic Development Coordinator, Stillwater County

EXHIBIT(jlh30a13)

02:35:50 Chairman McNutt
02:35:59 Suzie Mosness, Chairperson, Sweet Grass County Commissioners

EXHIBIT(jlh30a14)

02:37:30 Chairman McNutt
02:37:36 Carl Seilstad, Fergus County Commissioner
02:38:43 Chairman McNutt
02:38:48 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

EXHIBIT(jlh30a15)

02:42:30 Chairman McNutt
02:42:36 Al Sipes, Superintendent of Schools, Columbus
02:44:27 Chairman McNutt
02:44:31 Jeff Amerman, Director, Budget and Finance, Butte/Silver Bow County
02:48:19 Chairman McNutt
02:48:24 Gary Amestoy, Richland County Economic Development Corporation
02:49:17 Chairman McNutt
02:49:24 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Towns and Consolidated
Government of Butte-Silver Bow
02:52:15 Chairman McNutt
02:52:23 Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy, SD 21, Crow Agency
02:53:10 Chairman McNutt

Gambling Fees

02:53:37 Chairman McNutt

02:54:02 Chairman McNutt

ADJOURNMENT

02:54:05 Adjournment:

Mary Ann Mackay, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jlh30aad.pdf](#))